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## Special Olympics World Games Los Angeles 2015

Dear Friend,

Special Olympics events provide hope, acceptance, dignity and courage to thousands of special needs athletes around the world.

On July 20, 1962 Eunice Kennedy Shriver started a day camp in her backyard with a series of activities for those with intellectual disabilities. In 1968, again on July 20, with the support of the Chicago Park District, she opened the first Special Olympics with events in track, aquatics and floor hockey.

The Special Olympic World Summer Games in Los Angeles will open July 25, 2015, and will be the first time that the Games will be in the United States in 16 years.

More than 7,000 world class athletes and 500,000 spectators are expected to take part in the Games, making them the largest event in Los Angeles since the 1984 Summer Olympics. The 24 events featured in the Games will take place in facilities throughout the city and the 53rd Assembly District, including UCLA, USC, the Los Angeles Convention Center and the StubHub center in Carson. It is fitting that the Special Olympics should be held in California, a state that strives to stand for diversity, acceptance and inclusion.

As such, I wanted to let you know about local opportunities to join me and/or volunteer at the Special Olympics.

To find Special Olympics events in the 53rd Assembly District and around Los Angeles, please [visit my website](#).

It is a pleasure to be of service.

[Special Olympics](#)



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